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SENATE BILL NO. 209

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CIVIL SERVICE. Constitutional amendment to provide that the director, deputy director, and all employees of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness are included in the unclassified service of the state civil service. (2/3 CA13s1(A))

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Sections 2(B)(11) and (12) and to add Section 2 (B)(13) of Article X of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to public officials and employees; to 3 provide that the director, deputy director and all employees of the Governor's Office 4 5 of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness shall serve in unclassified 6 service of the state civil service; and to specify an election for submission of the 7 proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition. 8 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members 9 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for 10 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to place the director, 11 deputy director and all employees of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness in the unclassified service of the state civil service and to amend 12 13 Sections 2(B)(11) and (12) and to add Section 2(B)(13) of Article X to the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: 14 §2. Classified and Unclassified Service 15 16 (B) Unclassified Service. The unclassified service shall include the 17

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1	following officers and employees in the state and city civil service:
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3	(11) commissioners of elections, watchers, and custodians and deputy
4	custodians of voting machines; and
5	(12) railroad employees whose working conditions and retirement benefits
6	are regulated by federal agencies in accordance with federal law: and
7	(13) the director, deputy director, and all employees of the Governor's
8	Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.
9	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
10	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 2,
11	2010.
12	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
13	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
14	to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
15	read as follows:
16	To provide that the director, deputy director and all employees of the
17	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness shall
18	be in the unclassified service of the state civil service.
19	(Amends Article X, Sections 2(B)(11) and (12); adds Article X, Section 2
20	(B)(13))
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Walsworth (SB 209)

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that the director, deputy director and all employees of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness shall be in the unclassified service of the state civil service.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 2, 2010.

(Amends Const. Art. X, Sec. 2(B)(11) and (12); adds Const. Art. X, Sec. 2 (B)(13))